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SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1869.

The "Confession" of the Murderer. We publish elsewhere in THE EVENING TELEGRAPH to-day the confession of George S. Twitchell, Jr., of the murder of Mrs. Mary E. Hill. Some such document has long been anticipated by the great body of our people, and has been looked for with great interest. Now that it has come, and the people are enabled to read how the murder was committed, according to the theory of the convicted murderer, it will be found that our knowledge is but little if any increased. After carefully examining the so-called "confession," we have come to the conclusion that Twitchell has not spoken the truth, and that, instead of the tale now told being a real statement of facts, it is a thorough fabrication. In truth, we think that George S. Twitchell has added another lie to his list of crimes, and one, too, by which he hopes to escape the impending death sentence. Let us look for a moment at the position of the parties. Twitchell has been convicted and has been sentenced to death on next Thursday. All efforts to obtain a pardon from the Governor have failed. His case has, by a species of legal jugglery, been brought before the Supreme Court of the United States, and the judges are now deliberating on their action in the matter. There is no possible hope for Twitchell except in the action of the Supreme Court of the United States. To influence the minds of the press is now the great point. Meanwhile, Mrs. Twitchell has been tried and acquitted. The law of the land prevents any one being more than once put in jeopardy of life or limb. She therefore is safe. Nothing can again cause her to stand in the criminal dock for the crime of murdering her mother. Then what is a more natural thing to be done by the prisoner than to make a confession which will make the wife the murderer and he the accessory after the fact? She cannot be injured save in reputation, and her trial has done all that injury possible. She has nothing to lose, and he everything to gain, and therefore it is not only likely that he would make a confession accusing her of the murder, but we contemplated even more than this. We expect that she will corroborate the confession. Now, in this position of affairs, what does Twitchell do? He makes just such a confession as would be expected. He says his wife committed the murder. That he was lying in his room when he heard her crying out that she had killed her mother. That he then went over to the dining-room and helped her pitch the body out of the window. This is the whole substance of the confession, for we leave out the melodramatic touches of oaths, and all such embellishments. A man who will side with a murderer of her dear mother will not hold very closely to oaths. Let us look at the statement. Is it borne out by the facts of the case? Not at all. There are a dozen different facts proven on the trial which show the utter falsity of the "confession." If he was in his room, and the woman committed the murder, how came those spots of blood on his clothes? How were the sprinkled drops there if he was not where the blood rushed out at every blow? If his wife was the murderer and struck the deadly blow, where are the marks on her clothing? The fact that the wall had semi-circles of drops of blood proves that the first blow caused the blood to spurt on the person of the murderer as well as on the wall. How did Mrs. Twitchell escape all these drops? No. The silent witnesses which spoke so strongly on the trial are still as eloquent now, and are proclaiming that the "confession," like the theory of innocence adduced on the trial, is a deeply concocted falsehood.

Again, if Mrs. Twitchell set up such a crying as to reach the ears of her husband in his bed-room, how was it that Mr. Montgomery, who was in the next house about the time of the murder, never heard the calls? This of itself is a small link against the "confession." But it is the blood spots; it is the sprinkled and the spotted blood on Twitchell which still affords the most convincing and undeniable proof of his guilt, and as long as those spots continue, so long will every "confession" be proved false which does not do away with them. Looking then at the relative position of the two parties, what is more natural than that the "confession" should come just now to influence the Judges of the Supreme Court? and the flight of Mrs. Twitchell, when she is certain to be caught, and the corroborations of the "confession," would be more dramatic from a fugitive than from a resident. We doubt, therefore, the "confession." We think it a device to influence justice, and believe that the same hand which wrote it murdered the woman on whose bounty he lived, in her own home, with malice aforethought.

Freaks of Legislation. The State Senate yesterday enjoyed itself hugely over the Cattle bill, which was finally passed by a vote of 15 yeas to 10 nays. Mr. Coleman of Lebanon county, who appears to be "the little joker" of the Senate, indulged in a piece of pleasantry which establishes his claim to rank with the ingenious McKinstry, of the lower house. He offered an amendment, inserting the names of all the Senators as additional incorporators. Mr. Coleman, according

to the report of the proceedings, "sustained this amendment in a half-jocular style, and" here comes the pith of the whole joke, the mirabile dictu part of the affair—"it was received by the Senate in the same spirit, and then ruled out of order!" When it came to the making up of the record to go before the people, Mr. Henszey was found to be the only Philadelphia member whose manly bosom contained sufficient courage to prompt him to vote against the iniquitous measure. The old proverb about giving his due to a certain individual whose name is offensive to ears and eyes, applies to this remarkable case, and we tender Mr. Henszey our commendation for once.

In the House, the principal diversion was in witnessing the practical defeat of a budget of bills—most of them "empty"—by adverse reports from committees. Among these were the bills giving a subsidy to a steamship line between Philadelphia and Bremen, and requiring all practitioners of medicine to be graduates of some medical college. So we cannot anticipate the extension of a helping hand to our foreign commerce, and are still to be at the mercy of quacks of all degrees. But of course the people who kindly sent the members of the State Legislature to Harrisburg have no just cause for complaint. It is not to be supposed that any measure of public utility will receive a moment's favorable consideration at the hands of the Harrisburg comedians.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

- NORTH BROAD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Dr. STRYKER, on Sunday, April 4, at 10 A.M. and 7 P.M. Subject of the evening discourse: "The World of Dissipation as seen in Gambling, Licentiousness, and Intemperance." Strangers welcome.
- GOD'S TREASURES OF THE TEMPLE. Rev. Dr. MARCH will commence to-morrow (Sunday) Evening, at 7 o'clock, a new series of Sermons—Bible Lessons from the Book of Nature—in CLINTON STREET CHURCH, first subject as above. All persons cordially invited to attend.
- THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WASHINGTON SQUARE. Rev. HERBERT JOHNSON, D. D., will preach to-morrow at 10 A.M. and 7 P.M. Evening subject: "The Better Country." All are welcome.
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- REV. E. E. ADAMS, D. D., WILL PREACH in the WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SEVENTEENTH and FILBERT Streets, Sabbath, 10th and 11th.
- CONFERENCE AND REV. THOMAS F. FLETCHER (Unitarian) will preach in the WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SEVENTEENTH and FILBERT Streets.
- REV. G. A. PELTZ WILL PREACH to-morrow Morning and Evening at the TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHESTNUT STREET, west of Eighteenth. Services at 10 A.M. and 7 P.M.
- ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, THIRD STREET, below Walnut—Services to-morrow morning at 10, and in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Service for the Young Men, Prayer meeting every second day evening at 7 to 8. Strangers cordially invited.
- RECENT HOMICIDES: THE CAUSES and Cure, at 7 1/2. First Sermon of the month on "THE HOMICIDES," at the METHODIST CHURCH, TWELFTH and OXFORD, Rev. NOAH M. PRICE, Pastor. Few free.
- FRINIX M. E. CHURCH, EIGHTH STREET, above Race. Rev. J. KILLIP, at 10 A.M. and Rev. R. W. HUMPHREYS, Pastor, at 7 1/2 P.M.
- SOUTH ST. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. H. GIBSON, and Children's Sermon by the Pastor, Dr. PARSONS, at 2 1/2 P.M.; and will preach at 10 A.M. Public invited.
- NORTH TENTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, on Grand Avenue. Rev. MATTHEW NEWELL, Pastor. Religious services to-morrow at 10 and 7 1/2. All welcome.
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- AMERICAN FREE TRADE LEAGUE. The public are invited to attend a free lecture, volunteered by ARTHUR LATHAM PERRY, Professor of Political Economy, Williams College, Massachusetts, on TUESDAY NEXT, April 6, at CONCERT HALL, at 5 o'clock P.M. Subject:—"FREE EXCHANGE A NATURAL RIGHT."
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- CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY.—A Special Meeting of the stockholders of the Cambria Iron Company will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of April, proximo, at 4 o'clock P.M., at the Office of the Company, to take account up to the act of Assembly approved March 16, 1869, amending the Charter of said Company, and the execution of the power thereto granted. By order of the Board of Directors. JOHN T. KILLIP, Secretary. 27 1/2 11th St.
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